Request of A. P. Govt. for allotment of land in Bowenpall Cantonment Secunderabad

1773. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Ministry of Defence for allotment of 20 acres of land on lease in survey nos. 502 and 503 in Bowenpalli Cantonment area in Secunderabad for setting up a wholesale market complex for vegetables and grains; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The request is under examination and the State Government will be informed of the decision taken.

Allocation of funds for primary education in 8th Five Year Plan

1774. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the sectoral budget allocation for primary, secondary and higher education in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that the meagre allocation of funds for the primary education is the main reason for the slow increase of literacy rate in India; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the budget allocation for primary education in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The budget allocation (both plan & non-plan for Centre & States) for elementary, secondary and higher education sectors during the Seventh Five Year Plan period (1985—90) is as under:

Sector	Budget Allocation (Rs. in crores)
1. Elementary Education	22307
2. Secondary Education	15596
3. Higher Education	7197

(b) Apart from resource constraints the other main reasons for slow increase of literacy rate and socio-economic and cultural factors which prevent children from joining and/or continuing in schools.

(c) The 8th Five Year Plan has not yet been formulated.

Development of the Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh

1775. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission is contemplating to provide for integrated development of the EASTERN GHATS area in Andhra Pradesh by treating it as part of the HILL AREA PROGRAMME during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The Expert Group on Delineation of New Hill Areas was constituted for evolving appropriate criteria and listing of new hill areas that satisfied the criteria evolved by the Group. The Group had also considered Eastern Ghats area of Andhra Pradesh. The report has been processed and decisions are awaited.

It may, however, be mentioned that the general approach in the Eighth Plan is to avoid a series of Special Area Development programmes as in the Seventh Plan and have, instead, general rural de-